

GREENVILLE SOUTHWEST BYPASS STUDY (IMPROVEMENTS TO NC 11 & US 264 BUSINESS)

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT R-2250
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This newsletter is the fourth in a series of newsletters published by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to inform the public about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Study. Since the last newsletter in June 1999, the NCDOT has incorporated new agency coordination procedures into the study and contracted the private engineering firm H.W.



Lochner, Inc. to complete the environmental studies. Lochner will prepare the alternate evaluation, develop the preliminary design for the build alternates, and prepare the environmental documents. The purpose of this newsletter is to give an overview of the project studies, to update the project schedule, and to announce an upcoming informational workshop.

CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

NCDOT is requesting your presence at a Citizens Informational Workshop to review the preliminary alternates under consideration and to assist with the identification of the alternates to be carried forward for detailed evaluation. The Workshop is scheduled in the Gymnasium at **Boyd Lee Park** on **October 25, 2001** from **4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Boyd Lee Park is located at 5184 Corey Road.



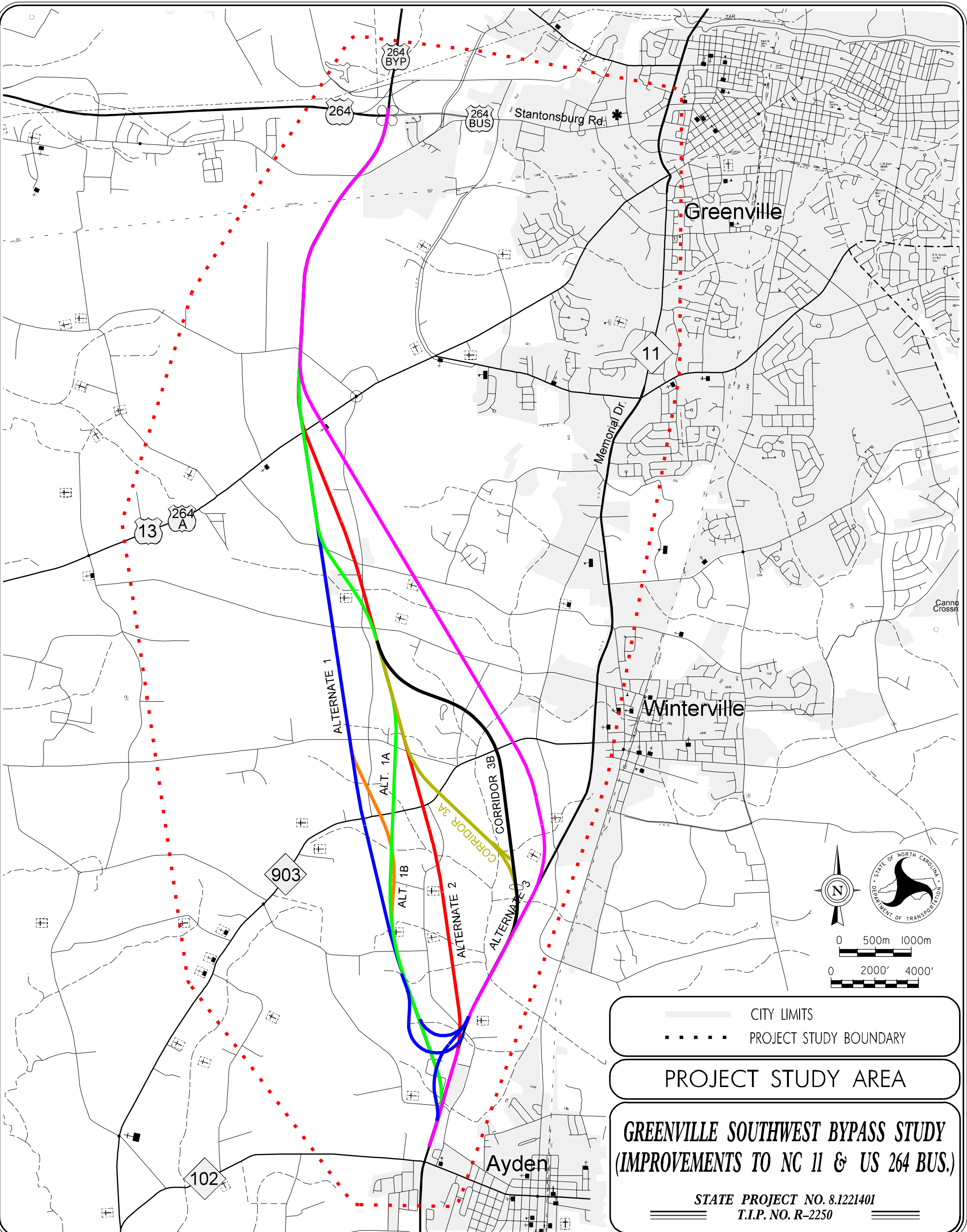
Representatives from the NCDOT, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the city of Greenville, the Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, and H.W. Lochner, Inc. will be available to answer questions and provide information on the project and new agency coordination procedures. A map showing the preliminary alternates under consideration for the project will on display at the Workshop.

SEVEN PROJECT ALTERNATIVES EVALUATED

Local, state, and federal agencies reviewed the five alternates (1, 1A, 1B, 2, and 3) that were shown at the September 1996 Public Meeting. These five alternates are shown on the map included in this newsletter. Each alternate represents a corridor approximately 1000 feet in width.

During the agency review of the five alternates, the FHWA and the federal and state environmental resource and regulatory agencies requested two additional alternates be evaluated, an Upgrade Existing Route Alternative and a Western Alternate. The Upgrade Existing Route Alternative includes improving existing Stantonsburg Road (US 264 Business) from US 264 Bypass to NC 11 (Memorial Drive) and improving NC 11 from Stantonsburg Road to NC 102. The Western Alternate is on new location and located west of Alternate 1.

In addition to evaluating the two new alternates, variations of Alternates 1, 1A, 1B, 2, and 3 from their original corridor locations are also being reviewed. These corridor variations are being developed to avoid new developments that are proposed or were constructed in the project area since the five alternates were originally identified. The original alternates, with the new corridor revisions, and the two new alternates will be shown at the upcoming October 25th Citizens Informational Workshop.



- CITY LIMITS
- PROJECT STUDY BOUNDARY

PROJECT STUDY AREA

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NEW COORDINATION PROCEDURES INCORPORATED INTO BYPASS STUDY

Procedures for the participation of Federal, state, and local agencies at key decision-making points in the development of transportation projects were developed after the environmental impact studies for the Greenville Southwest Bypass project began. These procedures, which allow appropriate agencies to “have a say” earlier in the transportation development and environmental study process, are being incorporated into the Bypass study. The NCDOT, the FHWA, and the agencies will review, evaluate, and reach “concurrence” on all major project decisions, which may result in a significant affect on the human and natural environments. These procedures involve providing more refined information to the agencies, and the public, earlier in the project development processes. This may mean more time is required to complete the study process, but it also means less time is required later, during the environmental permit application process, prior to construction.

The agencies involved in the decision making process for this project are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries, N.C. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (Division of Water Quality, Marine Fisheries, and Wildlife Resources), N.C. State Historic Preservation Office, and the Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Four “concurrence” points are identified by the procedures.

- **Concurrence Point 1:** The Purpose of and Need for the Project. Concurrence on the purpose and need for the project was achieved in February 2001.
- **Concurrence Point 2:** The identification of the alternates that will be carried forward for detailed studies.
- **Concurrence Point 3:** The selection of the “least environmentally damaging and practicable alternative” (LEDPA) or preferred alternate for the project.
- **Concurrence Point 4:** The avoidance and minimization techniques, which will be incorporated in the design of the LEDPA.



WEB SITE

www.dot.state.nc.us/projects/greenville/

A Web Site has been developed for the project. It will be updated periodically to provide current, up-to-date information about the progress of the project and any upcoming workshops and hearings.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The following schedule incorporates the agency coordination procedures and shows the time line for completing the project.

- ☒ Obtain Concurrence Point 1 ----February 2001
- Hold Public Meeting -----October 2001
- Obtain Concurrence Point 2 ----February 2002
- Complete Draft
- Environmental Document -----Winter 2003
- Hold Public Hearing -----Spring 2003
- Obtain Concurrence Point 3 ----Summer 2003
- Obtain Concurrence Point 4 ----Winter 2004
- Complete Final
- Environmental Document -----Fall 2004
- Purchase Right of Way -----Fall 2006
- Construction -----After 2008

NEXT STEP

Selection of the Alternates for Detailed Study

The alternates for detailed study will be identified in February 2002. The factors involved in this identification include the public’s comments from the upcoming October 25th Citizens Informational Workshop and a preliminary review of the potential impacts to the human and natural environments. A newsletter will be mailed to inform everyone of the alternates selected.



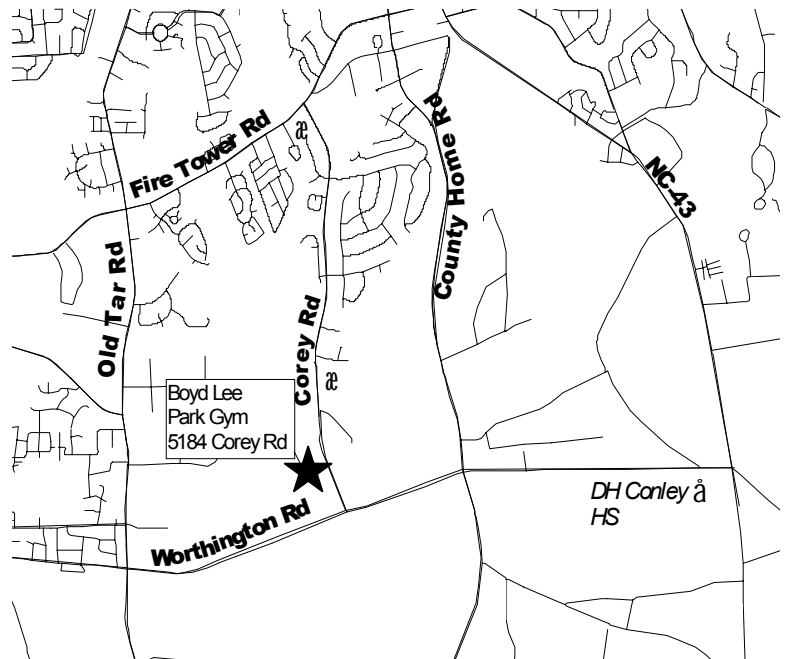
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call: 1-800-554-7849



A toll free number for the public to discuss issues and concerns about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Study (Improvements to NC 11 and US 264 Business) is available during normal business hours.



Or Write:

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